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SUBJECT: BRAZIL COURTS THE ANDEAN PACT

1. ON JULY 7, 1973, FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON BARBOZA DEPARTED ON HIS SECOND ROUND OF VISITS TO MEMBERS OF THE ANDEAN PACT. DURING A WEEK OF TRAVEL, HE WILL GO TO LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, QUITO, ECUADOR, AND LIMA, PERU.

2. IN LA PAZ AND QUITO, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS LIKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GAS PIPE LINE LINKING THE REGION OF SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA IN BOLIVIA TO SAO PAULO, AND AN ATLANTIC-PACIFIC INTEROCEAN CONNECTION BY MEANS OF ROADS AND RIVERS FROM GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, TO THE AMAZON RIVER. ALSO HIGH ON THE LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT BOLIVIA-PETROBRAS EXPLORATION FOR OIL AND GAS.

3. IN PERU, THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE MORE COMPLEX AND DELICATE.
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PERU'S RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL HAVE IN RECENT YEARS BEEN RATHER

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DISTANT AND COLD. TO ESTABLISH MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS, GIBSON BARBOZA WILL PROBABLY STRESS THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL AND PERU HAVE ADOPTED POSITIONS ON LAW OF THE SEA QUESTIONS THAT, AT LEAST, HAVE SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL PROBABLY ALSO EXPLORE MEANS TO BALANCE TRADE BETWEEN BRAZIL AND PERU WHICH PRESENTLY IS HEAVILY IN FAVOR OF BRAZIL.

4. WHILE IN LIMA, THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A SPEECH AT THE HEADQUARTER OF THE ANDREAN PACT OUTLINING BRAZIL'S SYMPATHY FOR THE PACT AND ITS HOPES THAT THE PACT WILL BE STRENGTHENED. BRAZIL'S PUBLICLY STATED THESIS IS THAT A PROSPEROUS ANDEAN PACT GROUP WILL PROVIDE IT WITH A STRONG TRADING PARTNER IN LATIN AMERICA.

5. COMMENT: THE GOB IS CLEARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR BRAZIL OF ANDEAN PACT DEVELOPMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEDULE IS TO SOOTHE AND ALLAY ANY FEARS OF BRAZILIAN CONTINENTAL HEGEMONY OR ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM. IN SOME QUARTERS THE BRAZILIAN EFFORT IS SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO NEGATE ARGENTINE LOBBYING AGAINST BRAZIL. DECON 7/10/75
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